GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Organic Compost
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to prevent the dumping of nutrient rich faecal sludge as organic compost for farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Sludge is not specified under the Fertilizer (Control) Order (FCO), 1985, as organic fertilizer and as such it is not permissible to be sold as Organic Fertilizer. Clause 19 (vi) of FCO, 1985 strictly prohibits the sale of substance as fertilizer which, in fact is not a fertilizer. The contravention of the provisions of FCO attracts under section 7 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, an imprisonment for a period of 3 months which may extend upto 7 years.

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